AMENDMENTS IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the following paragraph for the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 7 of the specification:

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This application is a continuation-in-part of U. S. Patent Application Serial No. ~~09/704,150~~ 09/704,150, filed November 1, 2000, entitled, "System and Method for Monitoring and Controlling Residential Devices," which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety. This application also claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/224,065 entitled, "Design Specifications for an Electric Meter Interface," and filed August 9, 2000, which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

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Please replace the following paragraph for the paragraph beginning on page 8, line ~~28~~ 21 of the specification:

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As shown in FIG. 1, the automated monitoring system 100 may use one or more site controllers 150. In embodiments where multiple site controllers 150 are implemented, redundant site controllers 150 may function as a back-up site controller 150 in case a primary site controller 150 fails. Redundant site controllers 150 may be employed to expand the capacity of the automated monitoring system 100. Additional information regarding the architecture, functionality, and operation of the site controller 150 ~~may be~~ can be found in commonly assigned U. S. Patent Application Docket No. 81607-1150, Serial No. 09/925,786, filed August 9, 2001, and entitled "System and Method for Controlling Communication Between a Host Computer and Communication Devices Associated with Remote Devices in an Automated Monitoring," which is incorporated by reference herein.

Please replace the following paragraph for the paragraph beginning on page ~~8~~ 15, line ~~28~~ 17 of the specification:

Having illustrated and described the operation of the various combinations of communication devices with the sensor 140 and sensor/actuators 130 (FIG. 1), reference is now made to FIG. 4, which is a block diagram further illustrating one embodiment of a site controller 150. A site controller 150 may comprise an antenna 405, a transceiver controller 410, a central processing unit (CPU) 415, memory 420, a network interface device, such as a network card 425, a digital subscriber line (DSL) modem 430, an integrated services digital network (ISDN) interface card 435, as well as other components not illustrated in FIG. 4, which may be configured to enable a TCP/IP connection to the WAN 120 (FIG. 1). Site controller 150 may also include a power supply 450 for powering the site controller 150. The power supply 450 may be one of many known power supplies. In addition, the site controller 150 may include an on-site input port 455, which allows a technician to communicate directly with site controller 150. Further information regarding the function, operation, and architecture of the site controller 150 may be found in commonly assigned U. S. Patent Application "System and Method for Controlling Communication Between a Host Computer and Communication Devices Associated with Remote Devices in an Automated Monitoring System," (Serial No. ~~09/xxx,xxx~~ 09/925,786, filed August 9, 2001) which is hereby incorporated in its entirety by reference.